Call for contributions for the

8th International Workshop on the Sharing Economy



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With the advent of the sharing economy came the hope that new forms of organization would emerge that offer a more sustainable alternative to the current modes of production and consumption. The peer-to-peer sharing of underutilized assets such as apartments, cars, clothes, tools or food are expected to prevent the overconsumption of limited resources, enable entrepreneurship among individuals and strengthen social ties. Indeed, in many sectors, sharing economy platforms have grown impressively. But have the expectations of the advocates of the sharing economy been fulfilled?

The 8th International Workshop on the Sharing Economy (IWSE) in Vienna, Austria, provides a forum for critical reflections on the developments in the past and an outlook on the future of the sharing economy. The 8th IWSE follows earlier workshops in Utrecht (2015), Paris (2016), Winchester (2016), Lund (2017), Mannheim (2018), Utrecht (2019) and Barcelona (2021).

We invite scholars of diverse disciplines to join us in re-examining and re-considering whether the principles and practices of the sharing economy present a viable path forward considering the grand challenges humanity is facing (e.g., the climate crises, the current and future pandemics, armed conflicts). The current challenges show us—in some cases quite drastically—the problems of the prevailing behaviors on an individual, organizational, institutional, and societal level in our industrialized world, which urgently need to be solved.

Contributions are welcomed addressing questions related to the sharing economy including, but not limited to:

- Do sharing economy examples meet the original hopes about sharing (i.e., social cohesion, cooperation, a more ethical alternative to the prevailing forms of organizing, sustainability etc.)?
- Which hopes about the sharing economy still prevail and what are the new expectations about the outlook of the sharing economy?
- What makes sharing economy organizations fail or hinders them from growing?
- How has the sharing economy contributed to resilience and societal good in crises (e.g., in response to the pandemic, helping victims of armed conflicts)?

By embracing different perspectives when discussing the sharing economy and sharing society, we want to enable a broad discussion that reflects the diversity of perspectives in studying the sharing economy.

We invite a wide range of participants including experienced academics as well as Ph.D. students, early career scholars, to think about nuances, alternatives, and approaches to unveil the sharing economy and submit their ideas.

To be considered for the workshop, please submit by **January 31st 2023** an extended abstract to the email address: **iwse2023@boku.ac.at**

Further information are available from under **iwse.boku.ac.at**

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